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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (MBRB Case No. 00,551; 3Com Case No. 3194.CS.US.P)

In the Application of:

Joseph, et al.

Serial No. 09/760,434

Filed: January 12, 2001

For: System and Method for Switching Security
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Before the Examiner:
Vaughan, Michael R.

Group Art Unit: 2131

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

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Application No. 09/760,434

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This letter is a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$1,020.00, which we believe was incorrectly charged to our account. Apparently, this change appears to be a fee for a three month extension of time related to Patent Application Serial No. 09/760,434.

Enclosed is supporting paperwork which shows that we filed our Amendment and Response to Office Action in a timely manner for this patent application. The Office Action (copy attached) was mailed to our office on July 29, 2004, and our response was due on or before October 29, 2004. As you can see from the attached stamped return postcard and transmittal letter, we mailed out our Amendment and Response to Office Action on October 27, 2004, well within the three month time limit. Accordingly, no extension of time was necessary or sought by us.

Please credit our deposit account in the amount of \$1,020.00.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Amendment and Response to Office Action; and
 - b) return receipt postcard.
- 2. With respect to fees:
 - a) A fee is not required at this time.
 - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
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Respectfully submitted.

Date: October 27, 2004

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks S/N: 09/760,434

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Re: Applicant - Joseph et al.

Case No. 00,551

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Sir:

Please place the Patent Office receipt stamp hereon and mail to acknowledge receipt of:

(1) Transmittal Letter in duplicate; and

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Respectfully,
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Attorney for Applicant

Date Mailed: October 27, 2004



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